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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Santa Monica – High School Placed on Lockdown Due to Bomb Threat

(U) Santa Monica High School students and staff were ordered to shelter in place as police searched for a possible bomb after a threat was made. The threat reported that a bomb would detonate in five-minutes, according to a message from Principal Marae Cruce that was shared on Twitter by the Santa Monica Police Department. Officers and school administrators swept the campus in what police described as "a precautionary search of the area." "No device or suspicious items have been located," police added.

SOURCE: 3 November 2022, KTLA5

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Two 'Stash Houses' Uncovered Holding 31 Illegal Immigrants

(U) Laredo – Special agents with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) located two "stash houses" holding a total of 31 immigrants in Webb County. Suspicious activity was noticed at two residences in Laredo by the DPS special agents, with the assistance of the US Border Patrol. The first home, located in east Laredo, resulted in the discovery of 15 illegal immigrants. The second home, located in south Laredo, resulted in the discovery of 16 illegal immigrants. All the illegal immigrants are from Mexico and Guatemala, according to a news release.

SOURCE: 3 November 2022, Fox News

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – Group Accused of Voter Intimidation Must Stay Clear of Ballot Boxes, Judge Rules

(U) Phoenix – Members of a group accused of voter intimidation have been banned from coming within 75-feet of ballot drop boxes in Arizona, a federal judge has ordered. A lawsuit brought by the nonprofit advocacy groups accused Clean Elections USA and the group's founder, Melody Jennings, of carrying out surveillance of voters in a "coordinated vigilante intimidation campaign" at ballot drop box locations, "with the express purpose of deterring voters from depositing their ballots." According to the judge's order, members of the group are prohibited from following voters who are delivering ballots to the drop box, speaking to or yelling at voters returning ballots to the drop box, sharing or posting information about voters who return ballots to drop boxes, and taking photos or recording videos of voters dropping off ballots.

SOURCE: 3 November 2022, ABC News

(U) Colorado – Authorities Investigating 'Suspicious Substance' Found in Mail-In Ballot

(U) Adams County – A suspicious substance was found in a 2022 ballot envelope submitted in Adams County, prompting an investigation by elections officials and law enforcement. Initial testing indicated the substance is not toxic, said Adams County Clerk Josh Zygielbaum, but it will take as many as five-days before officials know for sure if the substance is benign. The ballot was received at one of Adams County's drop boxes. One of the county's ballot security teams contacted law enforcement upon discovering the suspicious substance.

SOURCE: 3 November 2022, The Colorado Sun

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(U) New Jersey - FBI Says It Received 'Credible Information of a Broad Threat' to NJ Synagogues

(U) Trenton – The FBI said it has "received credible information of a broad threat" to New Jersey synagogues. In a tweet, the FBI urged people to "stay alert" and "take all security precautions to protect your community and facility." The nature of the threat was not immediately clear, but law enforcement sources say it was not a bomb threat.

SOURCE: 3 November 2022, ABC7

(U) New York - Man Sought by NYPD For Allegedly Vandalizing Two Churches

(U) Manhattan – The NYPD said they are searching for Juan Velez, 28, who is wanted for alleged vandalism incidents that occurred at Manhattan churches, and for an incident that occurred one day prior at Cardinal Timothy Dolan's residence. Velez is accused by authorities of ripping a flag outside All Saints Episcopal Church on East 60th Street, near Second Avenue, and damaging the church's front doors. Hours later, authorities said Velez threw an unknown object at the Archdiocese of New York on First Avenue near East 55th Street, damaging a glass door.

SOURCE: 3 November 2022, NY1 News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Somalia - Two Killed, Five Others Wounded by Roadside Explosion

(U) Mogadishu – Police in Somalia say at least two people have been killed and five others wounded by a roadside explosion that hit a vehicle carrying students in the Dayniile district of Mogadishu. "Those wounded include people traveling with the students, and others were passersby," said police spokesman Sadiq Doodishe, who said the students killed were returning home from school. "This incident and several others show that al-Shabab targets people indiscriminately." SOURCE: 3 November 2022, ABC News

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